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**Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2014**  
**Arkansas Union 510-511/Arkansas Union 507-508**

**Members Present:** Brittany Acuff, Stephanie Adams, Denise Bignar, Kelly Carter, Laura Cochran, J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz, Lonnie Deavens, Stephanie Freedle, Kabrina Gardner, Michael Gibbs, Andy Gilbride, Melynda Hart, Jennifer Rae Hartman, Roy Hatcher, Ryan Miller, Cindy Morley, Chris Nixon, Sarah O'Brien, Eva Owens, Autumn Parker, Henry Rowe, Roman Ruiz, Mary Skinner, Eric Specking, Elon Turner, Lisa Turner, Trish Watkins

**Members Absent:** Barbara Abercrombie, Stephanie Bukoski-Smith, Cosmo Denger, Shannon Dere, Heather England, Jeremy McAtee

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trish Watkins at 9:30am.
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. Employee of the Quarter Presentations – Denise Bignar; Denise recognized the Employees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- IV. Roll Call – Roy Hatcher
- V. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes as presented.
- VI. Global Campus Presentation – Rebel Smith; Rebel Smith presented information on Global Campus to Staff Senate.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Transit, Parking, and Safety – Henry Rowe;
    - The two tier parking rates are changing to increase the threshold to \$40,000. The parking permits for those making less than \$40,000 will be \$117.96 and those making over \$40,000 will be \$167.00.
    - Parking and Transit will have a consultant come in to look at our parking permit system for FY 16.
  - b. Elections – Chris Nixon
    - Officer nominations went as follows: Trish Watkins – Chair, Eve Owens – Vice-Chair, and Roy Hatcher- Secretary. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the slate by acclamation for next fiscal year.
    - New Senators – The following Senators have been elected or re-elected and will be joining the Staff Senate in July 2014.
      - Stacey Clay – Academic Affairs
      - Eric Specking – Academic Affairs
      - Hershel R. Hartford – Academic Affairs
      - Derrick Hartberger – Academic Affairs
      - Nicole Rane Green – Academic Affairs
      - Elon T. Turner – Finance and Administration

- Donna Carter- Finance and Administration
- Marweta Haegele – Advancement
- M. Vance Rice – At-Large Ballot
- Teresa Lynn Waddell – At-Large Ballot

There was one position in the Chancellor's area not filled.

- Scholarship – Eva Owens; The Committee is now accepting applications for the Staff Senate Scholarship through June 6, 2014.
- Special Events – Trish Watkins; The Staff Senate picnic will be May 15, 2014. Staff Senate will not have door prizes this year and is asking vendors at the vendor fair to give door prizes at their tables. Autumn Parker distributed a sign-up sheet to the Senators present to help out at the picnic.

VIII. New Business

- a. Resolution for Richard Hudson – Ryan Miller; Ryan presented a resolution for Richard Hudson. This resolution was to recognize Richard Hudson for his years of service at the University and all of the hard work he has done for Staff Senate and the University. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the resolution with changes.
- b. Bylaws Addendum Presentation – J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz; J'onnelle presented the bylaws addendum changes to Staff Senate.

IX. Human Resources Updates – Barbara Abercrombie; Not Present.

X. Around the Senate

- a. Fringe Benefits Committee
  - The Committee is aware of the problems with mental health providers and is working on a solution. If any Senators know of any problems and issues with the mental health benefits please email Trish Watkins.
- b. J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz is the Chair of Campus Council. J'onnelle wants to revamp Campus Council as a whole so if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please contact her.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis